

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A ball glove comprising:

- (a) a dorsal side panel and a palmar side panel secured along each panel's outer periphery to define a glove body, the dorsal side panel being sized to cover a back of a hand and the palmar side panel being sized to cover a palm of the hand, the dorsal side panel in conjunction with the palmar side panel providing a thumb stall and a plurality of finger stalls therebetween with an opening between said dorsal side panel and said palmar side panel to receive a human hand therein;
- (b) said dorsal side panel having an expandable dorsal side section of generally L-shaped configuration therein ~~at a location between the thumb stall and index finger stall~~, said expandable

dorsal side section extending beyond the carpometacarpal joint of the thumb in a longitudinal direction to a location approximating the center axis of rotation of the metacarpalphalangeal joint of the finger stall to receive said index finger therein and transverse thereto across the metacarpalphalangeal joints of the location of the finger stalls to receive the index finger of the human hand; and,

- (c) a webbing disposed between said thumb stall and an index finger stall, said webbing having an outer periphery attached to at least one of said dorsal side panel or said palmar side panel.

2. (original): The ball glove of claim 1, said webbing including a thumb side web section and an index finger side web section, said thumb side web section being attached along the periphery of the thumb stall and a longitudinally extending hinge member and the index finger side web section being attached along

the outer periphery of the index finger stall and an opposed side of said index finger side web section being attached to said longitudinally extending hinge member.

3. (original): The ball glove of claim 2 wherein said hinge member is closer to said index finger stall than said thumb stall.

4. (original): The ball glove of claim 3 wherein the distance between the center of said hinge member and said thumb stall is approximately 1.5 to 3.0 times the distance between the index finger stall and the center of the hinge member.

5. (original): The ball glove of claim 1, said expandable dorsal side section extending across the metacarpalphalangeal joints of the finger stalls to receive the long finger, ring finger, and small finger of the human hand.

6. (currently amended): A ball glove comprising:

- (a) a dorsal side panel and a palmar side panel secured along each panel's outer periphery to define a glove body, the dorsal side panel being sized to cover a

back of a hand and the palmar side panel being sized to cover a palm of the hand, the dorsal side panel in conjunction with the palmar side panel providing a thumb stall and a plurality of finger stalls therebetween with an opening between said dorsal side panel and said palmar side panel to receive a human hand therein; and,

- (b) a webbing disposed between said thumb stall and an index finger stall, said webbing having an outer periphery attached to at least one of said dorsal side panel or said palmar side panel, said webbing including a thumb side web section and an index finger side web section, said thumb side web section being attached along the periphery of the thumb stall and a longitudinally extending hinge member and the index finger side web section being attached

along the outer periphery of the index
finger stall and an opposed side of said
index finger side web section being
attached to said longitudinally
extending hinge member.

7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended): The ball glove of claim [[7]] 6
wherein said hinge member is closer to said index finger stall
than said thumb stall.

9. (original): The ball glove of claim 8 wherein the
distance between the center of said hinge member and said thumb
stall is approximately 1.5 to 3.0 times the distance between the
index finger stall and the center of the hinge member.

10. (currently amended): A ball glove comprising:

- (a) a dorsal side panel and a palmar side
panel secured along each panel's outer
periphery to define a glove body, the
dorsal side panel being sized to cover a
back of a hand and the palmar side panel

being sized to cover a palm of the hand, the dorsal side panel in conjunction with the palmar side panel providing a thumb stall and a plurality of finger stalls therebetween with an opening between said dorsal side panel and said palmar side panel to receive a human hand therein; and,

- (b) said dorsal side panel having an expandable dorsal side section of generally L-shaped configuration therein ~~at a location between the thumb stall and index finger stall~~, said expandable dorsal side section extending beyond the carpometacarpal joint of the thumb in a longitudinal direction to a location approximating the center axis of rotation of the metacarpalphalangeal joint of the finger stall to receive said index finger therein and transverse thereto across the metacarpalphalangeal

joints of the location of the finger
stalls to receive the index finger.

11. (original): The ball glove of claim 10, said
expandable dorsal side section extending across the
metacarpalphalangeal joints of the finger stalls to receive the
long finger, ring finger, and small finger of the human hand.